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IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Miller et al.

Application No.: 10/061,836

Filing Date: 1/31/02

Title: Methods and Systems for Forming Slots in a Substrate

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Examiner: Ahmed, S.

Group Art Unit: 1765

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")
(X) Other: Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; (fee \$)

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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

20 This communication is in response to the Office Action dated 9/10/03, for
which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for 12/10/03.
Please amend the above-identified application in accordance the directions set
forth below.

25 **Amendment to the Claims** are reflected on the list of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.